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Mr. Larry Drew, Manager
Hecla Mining Company
P.O. Box C-8000
6500 Mineral Drive
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83414-1931

RE: Escalante Tailings Pond - Additional
Hydrogeologic Data

Dear Mr. Drew:

We received several additional items of correspondence from Mr. Gary Gamble of Hecla Mining Company, dated June 26, 1992 and July 22, 1992. The items consisted of well logs, cross sections and analytical data. The data has been reviewed, and as stated previously, we cannot approve the location of the test well, logging methods, etc., until other issues are resolved. In addition, the resolution of the ground water discharge permit issue through use of an Administrative Consent Agreement is still pending. It is crucial that you submit your written consideration of this matter within 10 days.

If you wish further discussion, call Mack Croft at 801-538-6146.

Sincerely,

Fred C. Pehrson, P.E., Manager
Permits, Compliance & Monitoring Branch

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